

# GUNPOWDER CURRENTS



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## The Wilds of Maryland's Winter

By Jack Schutter

The woods and waters of Gunpowder Falls are teeming with wildlife throughout the summer season. We watch in the spring as animals awaken and return to our area; but now winter is coming, and with it comes different activity.

Some animals prefer to act as many of us would like to and head south for a warmer clime, while others will slumber through the chill. However, some do what we are forced to do—scamper about in these frozen months, living our lives with a few adjustments for the cold.

Deer are prevalent in the parks and even possibly in your backyard, bounding about in search for food and a good place to bed down. They will neither hibernate nor migrate from the area. Rabbits, squirrels, beaver, and other animals stick around too.



Monarch butterflies are well known for their great migrations. Monarchs will make journeys from as far north as Canada down to areas of South America, some going over 2,500 miles. They travel in enormous swarms to the same trees they flock to every winter. Once they have reached their tree, they go into hibernation.

The groundhog is one of the few animals in our park that will truly stay and hibernate. The groundhog will eat and store up fat leading up to hibernation, and then it will enter its winter burrow and begin its sleep, waiting for winter to end and spring to come.

Perhaps one of the most fascinating animals in the winter is the wood frog. It does not dig any sort of burrow like the groundhog does, so as it hibernates it is exposed to the elements. Luckily for the wood frog, its body produces urea and glucose which act as a sort of "antifreeze." The frog will have ice crystals grow on it, and so long as too much of its body water does not freeze it can survive the freezing and thawing of winter.

While some of the animals in our area will migrate or hibernate, we encourage you to be like the deer! Get out into the parks and experience nature even in the cold of winter. While some people may see the winter as a time of dormancy, if you look closely you may see the intricacies of the environment through the chill. Read through our calendar of events and find an activity that gets you out into the park this winter!

## CJC Completes 5th Summer at Gunpowder

By Jack Schutter

The Maryland Conservation Jobs Corps saw its fifth graduating group this summer. The program is a six-week summer job program focusing on bringing at-risk youth out into nature. CJC crews were spread out throughout the state, with crews at Gunpowder Falls, Assateague, Patapsco Valley, Susquehanna, and Seneca Creek State Parks, Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary, and Gwynns Falls Trail Park in Baltimore City.

The Corps teaches members skills like building trades, landscaping, green jobs, team-building, and fosters an appreciation for our natural resources. CJC members learn and embrace the core principles of the program: SPIRIT, standing for Stewardship, Professionalism, Initiative, Respect, Integrity, and Teamwork. CJC graduation was held on August 3rd, 2012, at North Point State Park. The graduation ceremony had 285 participants.

"Those who participate in the CJC program learn a lot and seem to gain a newfound awareness of nature and their surroundings," said MPS Superintendent Nita Settina. "And the added manpower helps immensely with the work that needs to be done in State Parks. Last year, the kids completed work that saved the State of Maryland more than \$2.7 million dollars."

Gunpowder Falls had sixteen crews that worked on projects throughout the park, from North Point to Hereford. CJC helped to save many man hours and thousands of dollars of work. CJC's improvements at GFSP include putting in rain gardens at Hammerman and Dundee Creek Marina, repairing trails throughout Sweet Air, the Torrey C. Brown Trail, Jones Road, and other areas in the park, removing invasive species, planting trees, and repairing other park equipment.

## THE INSECT ADVOCATE: A Ranger's Quest to Foster Respect for Insects

By Jen Cashell,

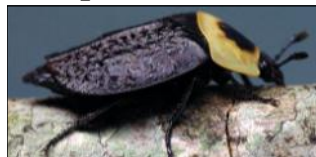
Are vultures the only animals that clear up animal carcasses? No! The commonly seen American Carrion Beetle plays a vital role in cleaning up carrion. These beetles, measuring about ½ to 1 inch in length, have dull black forewings, ivory or yellowish mid-section, and a black spot in the middle. These foragers are frequently found scuttling about on the forest floor. You might also encounter them in flight and mistake them for bumble bees. A flying beetle is most likely in search of its next meal.

The carrion beetle can locate its food source by scent; besides meat, it is also known to eat fungi and rotting fruit. Once the carrion beetle locates its meal it lays its

eggs in the decaying flesh. After the larvae emerge the feast is on!

At one time, it was commonly believed that the adult beetles also fed on rotting flesh; however, modern science shows that adults feed on larvae of other insects at the food source.

So even though you might not take the time to consider who is responsible for keeping our landscapes clean of animal carcasses, this small insect and its young are important and efficient agents in the decomposition process. Food for thought.



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# Winter Youth Programs!

*Days Cove, Fridays, February 8 - March 15, 10 a.m. - noon*

## JUNIOR RANGERS

The Junior Rangers program returns for the spring of 2013! Kids from 9-12 years old are invited to get outside, explore the park, discover nature, and learn about the environment through hands-on activities. Sign up soon because space is limited and you don't want to miss out on all the fun!

## PARK PALS

Children ages 5-8 can join in the fun too! Park Pals are introduced to the outdoors through games, crafts and activities with a nature theme. This program gets our youngest visitors involved in the same topics as Junior Rangers, but with a more hands-on approach that's tailored to early childhood. It's perfect for the younger brothers and sisters of Junior Rangers!

## SPROUTS

Children ages 2-4 and their parents can join in the fun also! Sprouts will be introduced to the outdoors through crafts, stories and activities with a nature theme. This program gets our youngest visitors involved in hands-on activities that enhance early childhood development. *All children must be accompanied by an adult. Sprouts are welcome to stay and play (supervised by parents!) while their older siblings complete their Junior Ranger or Park Pal sessions.*

## YOUTH PROGRAM DETAILS

**Service Charges:** \$25 per child for Junior Rangers or Park Pals; \$15 per Sprout. \$10 for each additional child from the same family!

**Requirements:** Children must attend four out of six sessions and complete required activities to earn their patch. Please plan family vacations and other activities accordingly.

**Registration:** To register, call 410-592-2897. Space is limited! Early registration is recommended.



Tired of high gas prices, traffic jams, and airport delays? Simplify! Choose the Mill Pond Cottage for your next getaway, and leave your troubles behind. Located in the scenic Hereford Area of Gunpowder Falls State Park, the Cottage offers true peace and quiet in a private, streamside retreat.

The Mill Pond Cottage sleeps eight people, has a full kitchen, central air-conditioning and heat, wood-burning fireplace, screened-in porch and much more! Anglers will love the two-minute walk to one of the best trout fishing areas in the country. A mere thirty-minute drive from Baltimore can make you feel like you're a thousand miles away—without the travel hassles.

We'd love to help you plan your visit. Call 410-592-2897 for information, or request a full-color brochure.

Check us out on the web at: <http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/millpond.asp>.

## PARK HOURS

### Park Headquarters (410) 592-2897

Monday - Friday, 8am - 4pm. Closed on state holidays

### Dundee Creek Marina, Boat-Launch Ramp

March 1 - Memorial Day: 6am - Sunset

Memorial Day - October: 5am - one hour after sunset.

November 1 - November 30: 6am - Sunset

### Dundee Creek Marina, Store (410) 335-3461

April: Weekends, 6am-2pm.

May-September:

Monday-Tuesday, and Thursday-Friday: 6am - 2pm.

Wednesday: Closed

Weekends: 6am - 7pm.

October: Weekends, 6am-2pm — Call to confirm hours

November-March, Closed.

### Hammerman, Beach (410) 335-3461

Guarded: Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day (except Mondays)

Unguarded at all other times — swim at your own risk.

### Hammerman Area, (410) 335-3461

April - October: 8am - Sunset

November - March: 10am - Sunset

### Jerusalem Mill, Museum (410) 877-3560

Weekends, 1pm - 4pm (or by appointment).

### Jerusalem Mill, Blacksmith & Gun Shops

Sundays, 1pm - 4pm.

### Monkton Station

Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day: Wed. - Sun., 9am - 4pm.

May and September: Weekends, 9am - 4pm.

### North Point State Park (410) 477-0757

8am - Sunset

### North Point, Visitor Center (410) 477-0757

Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day: Wed. - Sun., 11am - 4pm.

### Torrey C. Brown (NCR) Trail and trails in undeveloped areas

Sunrise - Sunset

# Family Programs and Special Events

## PROGRAM CALENDAR

DATE	PROGRAM	TIME	MEETING LOCATION	COST
October 6	Introduction to Geocaching	1-3 p.m.	North Point State Park	\$2/person
October 7	Jellyfish: Can't Get Away From Them!	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Dundee Creek Marina	\$2/person
October 13-14	Colonial Craftsman Weekend	See Description	Jerusalem Mill	See Description
October 19	Autumn Hayride and Campfire	6-8 p.m.	Hammerman Area Beach	Free!
October 20	Trail Workday	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Masemore Road Parking Lot	Free!
October 21	Nature Photography Workshop	2-4 p.m.	Monkton Station	\$5/person
October 26	Ghosts of the Northern Central	6-8 p.m.	Register to find out	\$2/person
November 3	Identifying Animal Tracks	10-11:30 a.m.	Dundee Creek Fishing Area Parking Lot	\$2/person
November 10	Introduction to Backpacking	4-5:30 p.m.	Hammerman Area	Free!
November 17	Trail Workday	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Masemore Road Parking Lot	Free!
November 17	Woodworking 101	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Hammerman Area	\$2/person
November 17	Identifying Animal Tracks	10-11:30 a.m.	Dundee Creek Fishing Area Parking Lot	\$2/person
November 17	Signs of Fall Canoe Trip	3:30-5 p.m.	Days Cove	\$10/person
Nov. 29-Dec. 1	Holiday House Tour (Monkton)	10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Monkton Station	See Description
December 8-9	Santa's Workshop	12-4 p.m.	North Point State Park	Free!
December 22	Winter Solstice Hike	2-4 p.m.	Register to find out	Free!
January 1	First Day Hike	1-3 p.m.	Bel Air Road, Big Gunpowder Parking Lot	Free!
January 19	Northern Central Railway Van Tour	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Register to find out	\$15/person
January 26	Introduction to Geocaching	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Hammerman Area	\$2/person
February 9	Jones Road Area History Walk	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Jones Road Parking Lot	\$3/person
February 16	Ashland Furnace History Walk	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Papermill Road Parking Lot	\$3/person
February 23	MA & PA Railroad History Hike	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Jerusalem Mill	\$5/person
March 2	Introduction to Trail Running	9-11 a.m.	Bel Air Road, Big Gunpowder Parking Lot	\$2/person
March 9	Northern Central Railway Van Tour	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Register to find out	\$15/person
March 23	Lefty Kreh Trail Hike	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Register to find out	\$2/person
March 23	Easter Egg Hunt	12 p.m.	North Point State Park	\$3/child
March 30	Introduction to Fishing	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Dundee Creek Marina	\$2/person

**Pre-registration is required for ALL programs EXCEPT for Colonial Crafts Weekend and Santa's Workshop. Please call the number listed during regular business hours and let us know you are coming. This helps to ensure that your program will not be canceled. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. All program participants must pay entrance fees at events held at the Hammerman Area and North Point State Park.**

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS



**denotes appropriate for Junior Rangers**

### Ashland Furnace History Walk

Winter is the best time of year to see historic ruins. Mills and factories once dotted the Gunpowder. With historic images in hand, a ranger will lead you on a walk to the site of Ashland Furnace, one of Maryland's first anthracite fired furnaces. Be sure to dress appropriately for the weather. The walk will be less than a mile over varied terrain. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897 to register. Cost: \$3/person.

### Autumn Hayride and Campfire



Celebrate fall with the family and enjoy an old-fashioned hayride and storytelling around a campfire. Roast a snack to enjoy as you listen and relax by the fire. For kids of all ages. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897 for registration and to check for cancellations due to inclement weather —shine only. **FREE!** (Park entrance fee required).

### Colonial Craftsman Weekend

During this unique event, Jerusalem Mill Historic Village hums with activity reminiscent

of pre-Revolutionary War times at a market fair and encampment where goods can be bought, sold or bartered, and where artisans and re-enactors demonstrate age-old crafts and trades. Visitors can wander through the camps, talk with crafters and living history interpreters, and shop at the sutler tents. See website: [www.jerusalemill.org](http://www.jerusalemill.org). The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Cost: \$7 for adults ages 13-59, \$5 for kids ages 6-12, seniors age 60+, and active duty military with ID. Special family rate for 2 adults with 3 children \$25 and children 5 and under are free.

### Easter Egg Hunt

Children ages 3-11 can participate in an Easter Egg hunt and play games. Prizes are awarded and refreshments are sold. Children can also have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Tickets for the event must be purchased in advance. Please check the North Point State Park Volunteers' website: [www.northpointstatepark.net](http://www.northpointstatepark.net), their Facebook page, or call 410-477-0757. Cost: \$3/child. (Park entrance fee required).

### First Day Hike

As part of America's State Parks' First Day Hike initiative, park rangers will lead you on an easy

to moderate 2-to-3 mile hike along the Big Gunpowder Falls. The hike will cover some wet or uneven terrain. Participants are asked to wear clothes appropriate for the weather (rain, snow or shine), and bring water for drinking, and a camera (optional). Sturdy footwear is recommended. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897 to register. Free!

### Ghosts of the Northern Central



Seven score and 9 years ago, a famous president rode the Northern Central to dedicate a cemetery in Pennsylvania. Now, the ghosts of that fateful day and others, will return to the Northern Central and haunt your Halloween once more. Families and children are welcome to join a park ranger and learn a little mystery and history in celebration of Halloween! Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897 to register. Cost: \$2/person.

### Holiday House Tour (Monkton)

The Baltimore Symphony Associates host their annual holiday fundraiser: Symphony Homes for the Holidays. At this event, local homeowners will loan the use of their first floors to be decorated by professional floral designers and/or talented amateur garden club members. The tour will start at the Monkton Mill (2019 Monkton Rd., Monkton,





Md. 21111) and will include the historic Monkton Station. Guests can peruse a boutique located at the tour's start to purchase seasonal gifts and specialty decorations, and visit the holiday snack shop for hot and cold drinks, pastries and other treats. *All proceeds benefit the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's educational programs. Tickets are \$30 at the door or may be purchased off-site for \$25 at Graul's Markets, BSOmusic.org online, and the BSO ticket office (1212 Cathedral Street Baltimore, MD 21201). For additional ticket information, call the BSA office at 410.783.8023*

### Identifying Animal Tracks

Come walk with a ranger and learn how to identify animal tracks and how to track animals through their habitat. Come attuned to nature and search for the many animals that call Gunpowder home. Be prepared to walk 1-to-1.5 miles. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. Cost: \$2/person.

### Introduction to Backpacking

Interested in trying your first backpacking trip? Join us to explore backpacking considerations such as planning your course, getting water, selecting and preparing food, choosing and assembling a pack and more. Wear layers to be comfortable inside and outdoors. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897 to register. Free! (Park entrance fee required).

### Introduction to Geocaching

Have you ever wanted to go on a treasure hunt? Do you crave an adventure in exploring unknown territories? Geocaching is a treasure hunt for the modern age and is increasingly growing in popularity. Join a park ranger to learn the basics of geocaching and then go on a hike to find a few geocaches. Be prepared to walk outside and dress accordingly for the weather. Please bring your own handheld GPS (if you have one), water, a few snacks, a pen and paper if you would like to take notes. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897 to register. Cost: \$2/person (Park entrance fee required).

### Introduction to Fishing

Do you want to learn how to fish but don't know where to begin? Join a park ranger for an informative session on the local fish found near the park. Learn about their preferred food sources, habitats and life-cycles. Also, learn how to identify Maryland's legal fish sizes and catch-limits. Sample fishing gear will be demonstrated. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897 to register. Cost: \$2/person.

### Introduction to Trail Running

Come prepared to run! We will run an approximately 3 mile section of the Wildlands trails. Expect the course to have patches of mud, changes in elevation and possibly minor course obstacles such as roots and downed trees. We will start with a discussion of trail running safety and planning tips. Then we will

run! This program is designed for physically fit individuals interested in trying a group trail run. To accommodate a group run the pace will be moderate. Water will be provided at the beginning and end of our run. Before beginning any new physical activity you should consult your physician to determine that the activity is appropriate for you. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897 to register. Cost: \$2/person.

### Jellyfish: You Can't Get Away ...

Lurking near the water's surface in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries, Jellyfish are one of nature's most misunderstood creatures. What are they? Where do they come from? Why do they sting? Join a park ranger and find out! Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. Cost: \$2/person.

### Jones Road Area History Walk

Winter is the best time of year to see historic ruins. Mills and factories once dotted the Gunpowder landscape. With historic maps in hand, a ranger will lead you on a walk to the site of Patterson Ironworks and Howard's Furnace on the Big Gunpowder. Be sure to dress appropriately for the weather. The walk will be about 2 miles on varied terrain. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897 to register. Cost: \$3/person.

### Lefty Kreh Trail Hike

Named for the iconic fisherman in 2012, join a park ranger on a hike of the Lefty Kreh Trail in the Hereford Area. Be sure to dress appropriately for the weather. The hike will be over 5 miles on varied and steep terrain. Bring snacks! Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897 to register. Cost: \$2/person.

### MA & PA Railroad History Hike

Once one of Maryland's most meandering and bucolic railroads, the MA & PA in Maryland has been dormant for over half-a-century. Come on a hike to explore this remnant of Maryland's transportation past. Be sure to dress appropriately for the weather. The hike will be over 5 miles on varied and steep terrain. Bring snacks! Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897 to register. Cost: \$3/person.

### Nature Photography Workshop

Attention photography enthusiasts! Join photographer Jim Stimpert for an introductory session on improving your photography. The workshop will cover the basic principles of photography, using light to best advantage, and composing an eye-catching photograph, with special attention given to photographing fall foliage. We will begin with an hour of classroom instruction and then – weather permitting – move out on the trail as a group to try out some of the techniques discussed. Bring your camera (SLR or compact), as well as a tripod if you have one. If you have a polarizing filter, bring that as well. Join us for a fun and interesting learning

### Jerusalem Mill Historic Village

Once the centerpiece of the thriving Quaker settlement in the 18th and 19th centuries, Jerusalem Mill operated continuously for nearly two centuries. Located on the banks of the Little Gunpowder Falls in Harford County, both the mill and village are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



**Visitor Center & Museum:** View artifacts and exhibits pertinent to the history of this early industrial village. Follow the efforts of the Friends of Jerusalem Mill in restoring the significant architecture of this colonial era settlement. **Weekends: 1-4pm**

**Village General Store:** The general store operated from the 1830s until 1940. Try a game of checkers by the potbellied stove in our 1930s room. See former store operator Samuel O. McCartney's original furniture and other belongings. Learn about Confederate General Harry Gilmor's Raid of July 1864, and be sure to visit the Gift Shop. **1st weekend & every 3rd Sunday: 1-4pm.**

**Blacksmithing Demonstration:** Visit us to observe a blacksmith demonstrating both traditional and contemporary techniques in historic Jerusalem Village. **Sundays: 1-4pm.**

**Gunshop:** Visit us to observe the daily activities of 18th century village life: gardening, gunsmithing, hearth cooking, woodworking, etc. **Sundays: 1-4pm.**

For more information, call: 410-877-3560. Donations welcome.

opportunity in a beautiful location. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897 to register. Cost: \$5/person.

### Northern Central Railway Van Tour

The Northern Central Railway once connected southern Baltimore County with Pennsylvania, New York and beyond. Join a park ranger on a van tour of the communities along the former Northern Central from Baltimore to Cockeysville. Explore the Greenspring Valley Branch, and the original Northern Central mainline (now occupied by the Baltimore Light Rail). Visit former station stops at Brooklandville, Stevenson, Ruxton, Hollins, and more. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. Cost: \$15/person.

### Santa's Workshop

Have your picture taken with Santa Claus. There will be crafts to make, a train garden, secret Santa shop for kids and adults to do a little Christmas shopping, and Scales & Tales!. Call: 410-477-0757. Donations welcome. (Park entrance fee required).

### Signs of Fall Canoe Trip



Explore the Days Cove area by canoe and experience the marshlands as the seasons change. Come discover the beauty of nature and search for signs of Fall. Individuals must be 12 years old to participate in this 2 mile paddle. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. Cost: \$10/person.

### Trail Work Days

First, meet at Masemore Road to discuss current trail practices with an experienced trail builder. Then practice trouble-shooting and problem identification in the field. Learn how to implement sustainable solutions. Come ready to work! Wear layers, comfortable boots, and work gloves. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897 to register and to check for cancellations due to inclement weather.

### Winter Solstice Hike

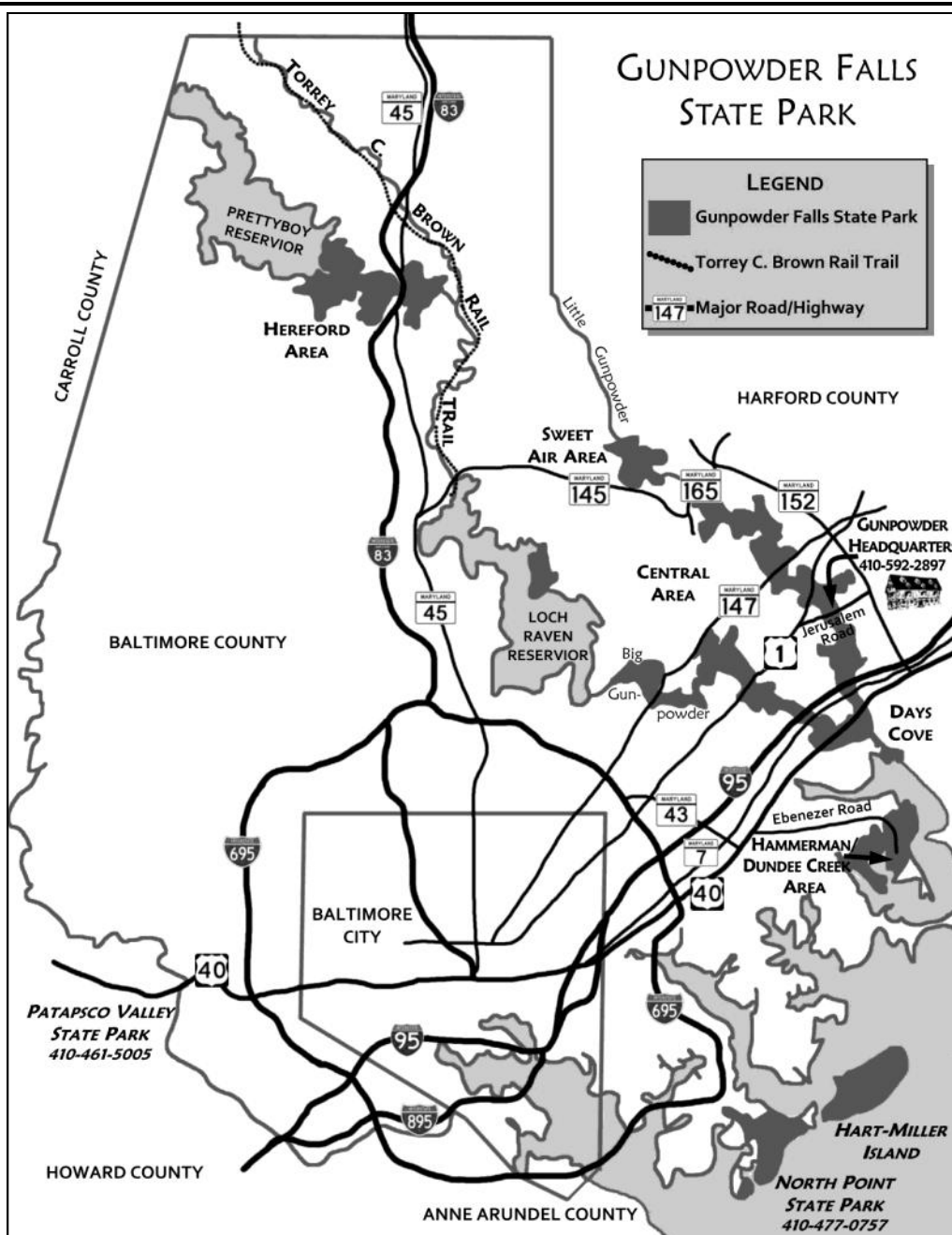


Celebrate the shortest day of the year with an evening hike guided by a park ranger. As the day fades we will see the exquisite beauty of nature as we make our way through the park. This 3-mile rugged hike is through rough and varied terrain. Bring your own headlamp or flashlight, water, and dress appropriately. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. Donations welcome.

### Woodworking 101



Join a ranger and learn basic woodworking techniques as we build a picnic table out of raw materials. Make a difference in the park as you help to maintain and replace the park's aging picnic tables. Please dress for the weather and wear clothes appropriate for working in a shop environment. You are welcome to bring your own hand tools. Children must be at least 10-years-of-age. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897 to register. Cost: \$2/person (Park entrance fee required).



## Volunteer Opportunities

With over 18,000 acres and 100 miles of trails, Gunpowder and North Point State Parks can use your help. Call the contact number listed or park headquarters at 410-592-2897. Individuals and groups are encouraged to participate.

### Park Friends Groups and Volunteers

**Friends groups are indispensable. Our friends groups are always looking for new membership. Please visit their websites or contact park headquarters for more information.**

#### Friends of Jerusalem Mill:

[www.jerusalemmill.org](http://www.jerusalemmill.org)

410-877-3560.

#### NCR Hereford Volunteer Association:

410-592-2897.

#### North Point State Park Volunteers:

[www.northpointstatepark.net](http://www.northpointstatepark.net)

410-477-0757.

### DIRECTIONS...

**HAMMERMAN AREA** - From I-95 take exit 67A for Route 43 east. Follow 43 to Route 40 east. Turn right onto Ebenezer Road and follow it for 4.5 miles. The park entrance will be on your left. (7200 Graces Quarters Road, Chase, MD 21027)

**JERUSALEM MILL (Headquarters)** - From I-95, take exit 74 for Route 152 west (Mountain Road). Follow Route 152 toward Fallston and turn left onto Jerusalem Road. Jerusalem Mill will be on your left after 1.1 miles. Parking is in the lot on the right, just before the mill. (2813 Jerusalem Road, Kingsville, MD 21087)

**MONKTON STATION** - From I-83, take exit 27 and go east on Mt. Carmel Road (Route 137). Turn right on York Road and make a quick left onto Monkton Road. Follow until it crosses the TCB (NCR) Trail. Monkton Station will be on your

left. Limited parking. (1820 Monkton Road, Monkton, MD 21111)

**NORTH POINT STATE PARK** - From I-695 south take exit 42. Make a left onto North Point Road. Follow North Point Road through Edgemere. The entrance to the park will be on your left after 2 miles. From I-695 north take exit 43. Make a left onto Bethlehem Blvd. Go straight on North Point Road through Edgemere. The entrance to the park will be on your left after 2 miles. (8400 North Point Road, Edgemere, MD 21219)

**DAYS COVE (by appointment only)** - From I-95 take exit 67A for Route 43 east. Follow 43 to Route 40 east. Follow 40 for two miles, then turn right onto Days Cove Road. Follow Days Cove Road to the end. Look for the driveway to the far left (look for the sign) and follow the access road 1-mile until you reach the education center.

## GUNPOWDER FALLS STATE PARK

2813 Jerusalem Road

P.O. Box 480

Kingsville, Maryland 21087

410-592-2897

FAX: 410-592-8760

Email: [park-gunpowder@dnr.state.md.us](mailto:park-gunpowder@dnr.state.md.us)



### NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Call Park Headquarters at 410-592-2897.

Additional park regulations are posted on bulletin boards.

You can also visit the park website at:

[www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/central/gunpowder.asp](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/central/gunpowder.asp)

### MAPS AND DIRECTIONS

See previous page for a general park map and directions. Detailed maps of the Torrey C. Brown Trail, Sweet Air and Hereford Areas of Gunpowder Falls State Park can be purchased at Park Headquarters, or by visiting the DNR website at [www.shopdnr.com](http://www.shopdnr.com).

### TRASH-FREE PARKS

All Maryland State Parks are Trash-Free. Please take your trash home with you and remember to reduce, reuse & recycle.

### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in Gunpowder Falls State Park. The only exception is a reserved shelter when a \$35 alcohol permit is purchased. Call 888-432-CAMP or visit our website for more information.

### PETS

Pets **on leashes** are welcome in all areas of Gunpowder Falls State Park, except: Pets are prohibited on the Hammerman Area beach sand, in youth group camping areas, and where otherwise marked.

Pets are prohibited in designated areas of North Point from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

### PAVILIONS

Gunpowder has four picnic pavilions in the Hammerman area. These pavilions are available April 1 - October 30. For reservations, call 1-888-432-CAMP.

The North Point Trolley Station, which resembles a huge pavilion, is available for rental between April 1 - September 30. It seats up to 250 people. The service charge varies depending

upon the number of people using the facility. For reservations, call 1-888-432-CAMP.

### BOATING

Dundee Creek Marina provides access to the northern Chesapeake Bay. Rental boats, gas, and a full line of boating accessories are available at the marina.

### OVERNIGHT CAMPING

Overnight camping is available at Camp Wood and Camp Cone for organized youth groups. Reservations required. Call 410-592-2897 for youth group camping.

Primitive campsites at Hart-Miller Island, accessible by private boat only, May 1 - Sept. 30. First come, first served. Service charge: \$6/site/night. Limit of 6 people per site.

### SERVICE CHARGES

Entrance to the Hammerman Area of Gunpowder Falls State Park and North Point State Park includes service charges.

### Hammerman Area:

Weekends and Holidays, Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day: There is a \$5 per-person service charge (\$7 per-person for non-Maryland residents).

Weekdays, Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day: There is a \$3 per-person service charge (\$5 per-person for non-Maryland residents).

Off-season (after Labor to the Friday before Memorial Day weekend): A \$3 per-vehicle (\$5 for non-Maryland residents) honor system is in effect.

*Children in car seats are free.*

*Senior citizens aged 62 and older are eligible for a \$10 lifetime Golden Age Pass.*

*Patrons who leave the park are required to pay again to re-enter.*

### North Point State Park:

Weekends and holidays, Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day: \$4 per-vehicle for Maryland residents, and \$6 per-vehicle for non-Maryland residents.

Summer weekdays and weekends after Labor Day and before Memorial Day weekend: \$3 per-vehicle service for Maryland residents, and \$5 per-vehicle for non-Maryland residents.

*Senior citizens aged 62 and older are eligible for a \$10 lifetime Golden Age Pass.*

*Patrons who leave the park are required to pay again to re-enter.*

## MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

### Our mission...

For today and tomorrow the Department of Natural Resources inspires people to enjoy and live in harmony with their environment, and to protect what makes Maryland unique - our treasured Chesapeake Bay, our diverse landscapes and our living and natural resources.

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